GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

HM&FW Department – Management of Cancer – Cancer as a notified disease – Notification - Orders- Issued.

HEALTH MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (B2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.97 **Dated:16.05.2022**
Read the following:

1. Andhra Pradesh Public Health Act, 1939.
2. Proposal from Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare in e- file Comp.No.1668980, dt.21.03.2022.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare has indicated that the cancer is one of the major Non Communicable diseases contributing to high mortality and many of the cases are not being diagnosed and under reported. Further, indicated that concerted efforts are required for notification, treatment and follow up of all cancer cases and to bring in community awareness.

2. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in an extra ordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated:16.05.2022:

NOTIFICATION

The Indian Council of Medical Research recommends that it is absolutely necessary to initiate mandatory reporting of Cancer and have a Registry Programme to facilitate planning, guidance, monitoring and evaluation of Cancer Research and Control Programme in the country.

(2) A number of cancer cases are not reported and there is a limited scope for the State to intervene for early screening and follow-up action in providing timely treatment.

(3) And whereas, the State Government, after due consideration of the matter has also found it imperative that diagnosis of cancer should be reported to the appropriate authority for early detection and treatment of the disease.

(4) And whereas, the data received on cancer in the state would be used to frame policy on prevention and control of cancer, establishing treatment facilities and cancer research and training centres in the State.

(5) Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (l) of Section 62 of Andhra Pradesh Public Health Act 1939, Government hereby declare that "Cancer" is a notified disease in the State for the purpose of the said Act.

(6) The Government hereby order all persons concerned in Hospitals (Private or Public), Pathological, Clinical and Radiological Labs, Institutions imparting Medical Education and providing diagnostic treatment and any other healthcare related facilities to mandatorily report diagnosed cases of

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cancer. All concerned are required to send the patients for pathological confirmation when he/she becomes cognizant of the existence or suspicion of cancer in patient. The pathologist after confirming the same would then require completing and sending the information in prescribed format. Whosoever is reporting or notifying cancer shall maintain a prescribed register and accordingly document additional printed proforma for all new cases diagnosed or being treated in the State of Andhra Pradesh with effect from the date of this notification. This should be done within the period not exceeding one week from the date of diagnosis.

(7) The notification would apply to

(a) all Medical Colleges (Government and private) hospitals;
(b) all State and Central Government hospitals / dispensaries autonomous medical institutions;
(c) all hospitals covered by ESI, Industries, Railways, Civil / Army and other Central and State Government agencies;
(d) any other hospitals / medical institutions not covered above; this includes Ayurveda / Unani / any other facilities.

(8) The diagnosing or treating doctor who becomes cognizant of the cancer disease should ensure that the pathologist should be updated of the clinical details of such patients for the purpose of notifying the disease effectively.

(9) It will be the responsibility of every doctor / pathologist / medical establishment to notify the cancer cases preferably on a real time basis, but not more than a week from date of diagnosis.

3. The Director, Health & Family Welfare, A.P., Managalagiri / Director of Medical Education, Vijayawada shall take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.T. KRISHNA BABU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase, A.P. (with a request to publish the Notification in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette)
The Director, Health & Family Welfare, A.P. Mangalagiri.
The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, A.P. Vijayawada.
The Director of Medical Education, A.P. Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, A.P. Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, A.P. Vijayawada.

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